

A PICTURE IN MY STUDY SHOWS JESUS KNOCKING at a door, seeking admission. It is often misinterpreted as Jesus desiring to become our Savior, but from the context in Revelation 3:14–22, it is clear the picture illustrates His desire to enter a home where He lives. It symbolizes a believer who has allowed other activities to replace those that once honored Christ as Savior and Lord. But Christ does not give up. As He stands at the door He says, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).

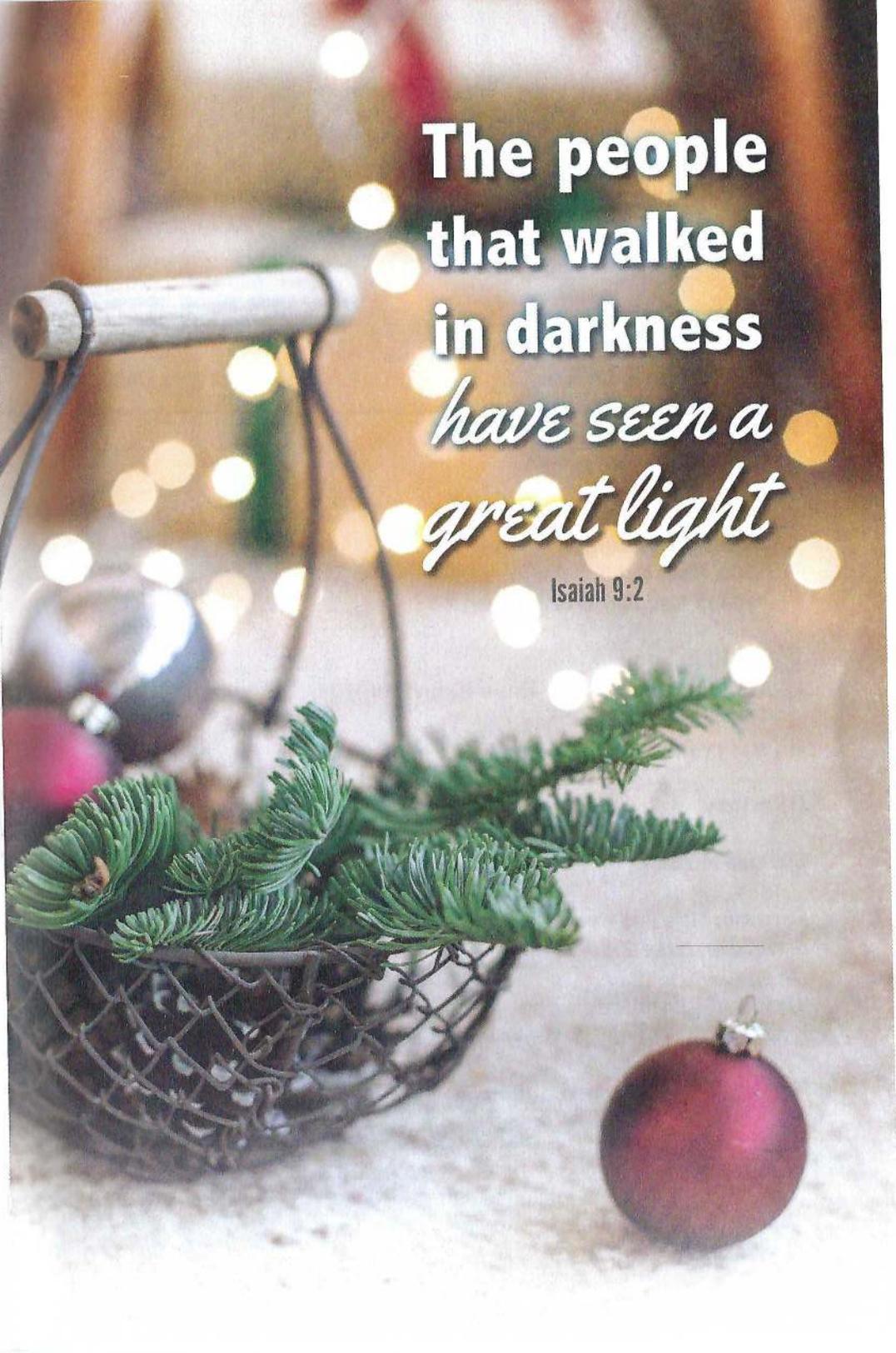
A number of years ago, my wife and I were visiting our daughter and her family as they served the Lord as missionaries in Africa. At breakfast one morning plans were being made for the day’s activity. Little Katie was to be left at home with a sitter. It wasn’t long before Katie noticed that her name was not included in the plans and she called out loudly, “What about me?”

As Christmas is celebrated with all the activities it now includes, I wonder if Jesus, knocking at our “Christmas door,” isn’t asking, “What about Me? I died on the cross to offer you forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life. Is there room for me among all your plans?”

In order for Jesus to be our Savior, He, the eternal God of creation, needed to take on the body of a man. If one miracle can be greater than another, the incarnation of God in human form is near the top, if not the greatest of all. Joyfully celebrating Christmas around the person of Christ and sharing the wondrous news of the gift of salvation with others is the best way of all to celebrate. Then no one near us will need to ask, “What About Me? Tell me what Christmas is really all about.”

*Paul J. Twist*

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The people  
that walked  
in darkness  
*have seen a  
great light*

Isaiah 9:2

# Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

December 11, 2022

## Call to Worship

*Sounds of Hope*

## Invocation

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #277 Hark the Herald

## Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Worship in Song

Hymn #279 Angels We Have Heard on High

## Offertory Prayer

*Craig Alexander*

## Offertory

*Rose Morgan*

## Special Music

## Sermon: "It's For Everyone"

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

*Scripture: Luke 2:10-11*

## Hymn of Benediction

Hymn # 260 Worthy, You Are Worthy

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

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## Covenant News

Our ministry for December is Helping Hands Clinic. Helping Hands is a group of volunteer health professionals who have provided free healthcare to the poor and/or homeless for over 30 years. The clinic is staffed by social workers, registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, physicians, and community service volunteers.

## Mark Your Calendar

We will be having a Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. and no Sunday morning service.

December 13<sup>th</sup> the YAH group will meet at 10:30. Bring a white elephant gift and your favorite finger food.

## A Song Was Heard at Christmas

*By Timothy Dudley-Smith*

A song was heard at Christmas  
To wake the midnight sky,  
A Savior's birth, and peace on earth,  
And praise to God on high.  
The angels sing at Christmas  
With all the hosts above,  
And still we sing the newborn King,  
His glory and His love.